

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 15-22. Applicants are amending independent Claims 15, 19, 23 and 27 herein to delete the phrase "at a plurality of places." This amendment is not in response to a patentability rejection.

Applicants will now address the Examiner's remaining objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Priority

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that a certified copy of the priority document JP-11-318252 has not been filed. Applicants respectfully disagree.

As shown on the stamped return postcard, a certified copy of the JP-11-318252 was submitted with the application as filed (see also the transmittal sheet for this application filed on November 7, 2000 stating that a certified copy of JP-11-318252 was being filed with the application). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn and acknowledgement made of the submission of the certified copy of the priority document.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 23-30 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Koike et al. (US 6,345,903). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, Claim 23 recites "forming a first sealing material" and "adhering a covering material to said insulator by said first sealing material."

In the Office Action, the Examiner contends that Koike discloses a first sealing material (21) and "adhering a covering material (third encapsulant 28) to the insulator (substrate 12 or 31) by the first

sealing member” citing col. 16, lns. 1-16 in support thereof. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Cylindrical reflection frame 21 is located quite distant and separate from third encapsulant 28 (see e.g. Figs. 2, 3, 9 of Koike), and it cannot be said that this shows adhering encapsulant 28 to the insulator by the first sealing material, as required in Claim 23. Col. 6, lns. 1-16 also do not show this alleged teaching. Hence, Koike does not disclose or suggest the method of independent Claim 23.

For similar reasons, independent Claim 27 is also not disclosed or suggested by Koike.

Accordingly, Claims 23-30 are patentable over Koike, and it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are submitting an information disclosure statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action for this matter.

Conclusion

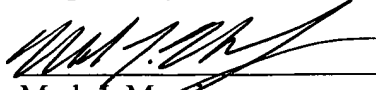
It is respectfully submitted that this application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee is due for this amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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